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Prices were unchanged in New York and Chicago. Elsewhere, prices were lower on mediums and generally unchanged on the balance of sizes. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand was fair to good, best where featured. Supplies were sufficient to available. Breaking stock demand was light to good for adequate to available offerings. Light type hens were sufficient for regular slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia prices were unchanged to 3 cents lower on mediums, unchanged on the balance when compared to last week's values. In Boston and New England prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to available on white eggs, but browns were reported as tight. Breaking stock offerings were reduced but generally adequate for the light to good demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules were normal.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Wisconsin and Ohio cities were lower for mediums. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate to at times fairly good for post holiday re-fill. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate and varied from breaker to breaker. Offerings were adequate to available. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment generally steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand was mixed, best where feature activity was planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to available.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were lower on mediums and generally unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady entering the week. Demand was mixed, but usually ranged fair to good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending November 29, 2002 was 78.68 cents, which was unchanged from a week earlier and 10.86 cents more than last year. Breaking stock offerings were short to fully adequate for the light to good demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for normal processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices 2-3 cents lower on jumbo, 1 cent lower on extra large, unchanged on large, and 5 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 8% higher than last Monday with California up 8% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 9%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings easily adequate.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes entering the week. Trade sentiment was mixed, however most were cautiously steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were usually adequate to available for requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA		
NORTHEAST CITIES	LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	116-118	107-109	75-77
New York	84-88	82-86	66-70
Philadelphia	82-86	81-84	65-69
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	74-78	72-75	57-62
Jackson (1)	81-83	77-79	66-68
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	82-92	80-90	64-75
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	74-78	72-76	58-62
Detroit (2)	70-75	69-73	55-62
Major Ohio Cities (2)	72-76	71-74	57-60
Major Wisconsin Cities	73-80	72-78	58-62
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	90-92	87-90	72-74
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	111	106	92
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 2 cents lower on jumbo, 1 cent lower on extra large, unchanged on large, and 5 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 8% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 72. No new ads noted in Northern California.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	115
EXTRA LARGE	111
LARGE	106
MEDIUM	92

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-299	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	199	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	179	MEDIUM	175-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 06, 2002 will decrease by 35 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 29, 2002 were 320,534 cases which was 33 percent above the prior week and 15 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased			
present week.....	282,087	38,447	320,534
% change from the			
prior week.....	+40	-3	+33

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate and varied from breaker to breaker. Offerings were adequate to available. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment generally steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	37-44	41-44
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	29-33	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Mostly prices were unchanged from a week earlier. Interest was moderate to good for about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were usually about normal. Finished products was usually clearing. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-DEC-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.5	8-9	8.67

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate. Offerings were about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 02-DEC-02.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-9.5	8-8.5	8.21
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM DEC 02, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.1	18.8	9.0	18.5	11.9	67.3
	Change	0.4	-1.6	-0.6	2.8	0.1	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.0	49.1	14.2	27.7	31.4	151.4
	Change	5.4	-1.7	3.2	4.1	-0.1	8%
Large	Curr Wk	50.7	105.4	79.3	91.7	121.2	448.3
	Change	1.7	4.6	21.3	11.8	12.2	13%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.5	49.8	23.0	25.2	32.4	141.9
	Change	-3.3	2.4	3.2	3.5	0.5	5%
Small	Curr Wk	2.7	11.8	5.6	5.3	7.4	32.8
	Change	-2.7	1.7	0.8	0.5	-0.3	0%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.3	26.2	7.8	17.5	8.0	64.8
	Change	-1.4	-1.6	-0.2	0.7	2.0	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.3	42.0	20.6	30.4	40.2	160.5
	Change	3.1	5.3	-0.1	6.5	5.3	14%
Total	Curr Wk	135.6	303.1	159.5	216.3	252.5	1,067.0
Percent	Change	2%	3%	21%	16%	8%	9%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,067.0	9%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	273.7	17%	38

Total Shell Egg	1,340.7	11%	213
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18, 2002.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	194.2	191.1	182.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING NOVEMBER 18, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
13.00								1.00								14.00							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	55.00	57.00	3.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	GL W XL	—	—	—	GL W XL	—	—	—	GL W XL	—	—	—				
GL W XL	—	—	3.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	GL W LG	—	—	—	GL W LG	—	—	—	GL W LG	—	—	—				
GL W LG	—	—	.50	GL W MD	—	—	—	GL W MD	—	—	—	GL W MD	—	—	—	GL W MD	—	—	—				
GL W MD	—	—	2.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	GL W SM	—	—	—	GL W SM	—	—	—	GL W SM	—	—	—				
GL W SM	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	NRBS - 48	—	—	—				
NRBS - 48	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 39	—	—	—	NRBS - 39	—	—	—	NRBS - 39	—	—	—	NRBS - 39	—	—	—				
NRBS - 39	—	—	.50																				

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/25/02-11/29/02

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
81.75								42.50								124.25							
SE			NE		MW			LOADS	SC			NW		MW			LOADS						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	56.25	59.80	55.00	55.67	48.00	50.00	10.00	GNR W 1	54.00	57.00	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GNR W 2	—	56.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 3	43.00	52.00	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	34.50	37.50	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	54.00	3.00								
GNR BR 1	—	72.00	—	—	—	—	1.50	GL W XL	52.20	58.00	—	—	—	57.00	9.75								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	42.50	—	3.00	GL W LG	57.00	64.60	—	74.00	—	63.38	21.75								
GL W XL	—	70.00	65.80	67.73	47.50	—	33.75	GL W MD	44.11	—	—	—	—	50.59	5.50								
GL W LG	—	63.67	45.67	58.29	54.38	62.00	31.25	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	28.33	33.22	2.25								
GL W MD	—	—	49.58	44.79	41.03	45.00	9.50	NRBS - 48	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	5.00								
GL W SM	—	—	—	—	27.00	30.00	1.00	NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	37.00	38.00	.50								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	43.00	44.11	9.00	NRBS - 36	22.00	25.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	35.56	37.00	37.25	42.32	38.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	21.33	23.00	—	32.50	7.25																
NRBS - 36	—	—	23.00	24.00	—	—	.25																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
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NOT AVAILABLE

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
122-125	97-100	88-91	56-59	25-28

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
76-86	70-73	67-72	55-59	31-35

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
51-55	37-41	11-15

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/25/02	11/18/02	11/26/01
PACIFIC COAST	797	706	158
LOS ANGELES	747	651	110

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
95.65	92.27	80.03	54.79

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 11/17/02-11/23/02
30-dozen cases 7,214

Receipts from the mainland: 11/10/02-01/16/02
30-dozen cases 9,187

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